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Ford County, Illinois

Petition for Modification of an
 Emergency Telephone Number
 System

07-0266

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STAFF'S ANSWER TO THE PETITION

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission (Staff) and in support of its Answer to Ford County's Petition for Modification of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number System, states the following:

1. Ford County received an order to operate its Enhanced 9-1-1 System from the Commission on October 28, 1992, in Docket 92-0169.
2. On April 17, 2007, Ford County filed a Petition for Modification of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System in which it requests to eliminate the Gibson City Public Safety Point (PSAP) from the Ford County 9-1-1 system due to impractical and prohibitive costs. In addition, Ford County is also requesting to change its backup PSAP to the Piatt County Sheriff's Office, a PSAP in the Piatt County 9-1-1 System.
3. Currently, there are two PSAPs located in the Ford County 9-1-1 system: Ford County PSAP and Gibson City PSAP. The two PSAPs act as backups to each other at this time. Upon approval of this order, the Gibson City PSAP will no longer be operational and all 9-1-1 calls will be routed to the Ford County PSAP.
4. Ford County will also be changing its backup location to the Piatt County Sheriff's Office PSAP. The Piatt County Sheriff's Office PSAP meets all the requirements for a backup PSAP as prescribed in Section 725.505(i) of Illinois Administrative Code Part 725 – Standards of Service Applicable to 9-1-1 Emergency Systems.
5. An intergovernmental agreement has been signed by both Ford County and Piatt County for the provision of more cost effective backup 9-1-1 services. This agreement was included in the Petition.

6. Staff has thoroughly reviewed Ford County's Petition for Modification of a 9-1-1 Emergency Number System and supports the petitioners' request for modification. In addition, Staff supports waiving a hearing in this docket.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stacy Ross

9-1-1 Program Assistant

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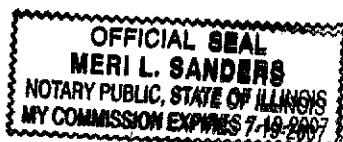
May 2, 2007

VERIFICATION

I, Stacy Ross, first being duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that I am the 9-1-1 Program Assistant for the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission, that I have read the attached and foregoing Answer to Petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that said contents are true in substance and in fact, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe same to be true.



Stacy Ross
9-1-1 Program Assistant



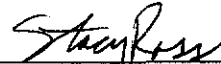
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of May, 2007.



Notary Public, Illinois

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Stacy Ross, 9-1-1 Program Assistant, Telecommunications Division, Illinois Commerce Commission, do hereby certify that on the 2nd day of May, 2007, that I have delivered for filing with the Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, the original attached Answer to the Petition for Docket 07-0266, copies of which are hereby served upon parties of record.

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